GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:676
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
REHABILITATION OF OUSTEES
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of refineries in the country run by the various oil PSUs;

(b) the total area of land of the farmers acquired by them and the amount of compensation paid during the last three years;

(c) whether all farmers have been rehabilitated or provided employment by those PSUs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government to rehabilitate the remaining farmers; and

(g) the time by which these farmers will be rehabilitated?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.676 BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MAY, 2005 REGARDING REHABILITATION OF OUSTEES.

(a): There are 17 Public Sector refineries operating in the country.

(b): Approximately 17,800 acres of land have been acquired for setting up these refineries. In addition to compensation already paid during previous years, the amount of compensation paid during the last three years by various PSUs is as under:

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Indian Oil Corporation Limited   : Rs.   3.60 crore
Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. : Rs.   0.62 crore
Kochi Refinery Limited    : Rs.   22.61 crore
Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.  : Rs.   4.28 crore
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(c) to (g): All land owners, including farmers, have been duly compensated in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Land Acquisition Act,1894. There are no outstanding compensation or obligatory rehabilitation dues, other than matters pending in the courts.

In addition, as a measure of social responsibility, these refineries have given employment to those who have been displaced due to the acquisitions, subject to their educational qualifications being adequate and the availability of vacancies in the refineries.

Besides, these refineries have given rehabilitation grants, provided training to displaced persons and provided opportunities for self-employment in the area of transport, contracts etc.